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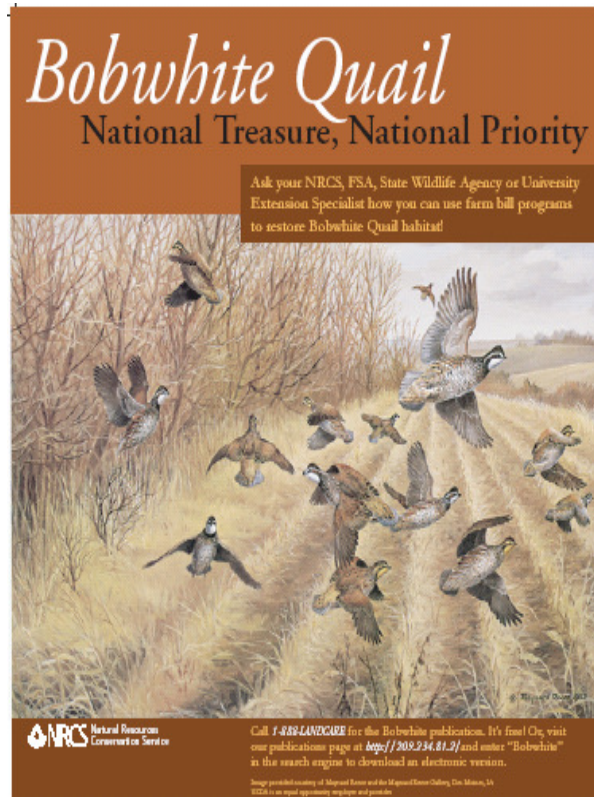
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## Quail Habitat Incentives Program

To help improve quail population numbers, the Indiana Division of Fish and Wildlife has designated priority areas throughout southern Indiana to focus on quail habitat management. The Division will offer eligible landowners within the priority areas a variety of incentive payments to encourage the development and maintenance of quality quail habitat.



Quail were once abundant across southern Indiana with peak populations occurring in the late 1960's and early 1970's. At that time there was upwards of 4 million acres of Hoosier farmland idled in USDA land retirement programs. These programs provided an important source of herbaceous cover that remained undisturbed during most nesting and brood-rearing seasons and allowed our quail population to flourish.

Unfortunately, the amount of ground in USDA land retirement programs has declined by more than 90 percent (only slightly more than 250,000 acres remain), and the amount of brushy cover that traditionally served as the primary fall and winter headquarters for quail coveys is declining as well.

## How To Apply

Interested landowners should consult the accompanying map and priority area descriptions to determine if they are eligible for the quail habitat incentives program. Eligible landowners should then contact the appropriate priority area biologist listed on the back of this brochure to discuss quail habitat management on their property. The biologist will prepare a management plan for each acceptable parcel and determine the total amount of incentive payments the landowner may be eligible to receive.



To be eligible for the incentive payments, the priority area biologist must approve the habitat practice or practice enrollment prior to implementation. Eligible habitat practices and enrollments are listed on the adjacent panel.

Total monetary assistance from the Division of Fish and Wildlife will be based on the sum of CRP enrollment and Mid-Contract incentive payments and up to the maximum practice installation costs specified in this brochure. No payments will be made until the work has been completed and inspected by the priority area biologist or their designated representative.

## Eligible Practices and Payments

### CRP Enrollment

Individuals enrolling in specific Regular or Continuous CRP practices are eligible for a one-time signing incentive of up to \$100 per acre. This incentive payment is in addition to any signing incentive payments provided by USDA.

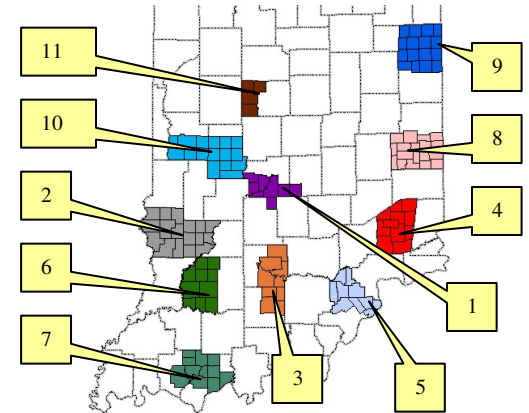
### CRP Mid-Contract Management

Individuals voluntarily enrolling existing CRP (prior to Sign-up 26) into mid-contract management activities are eligible for an incentive payment not to exceed \$16/acre for light disking, \$10/acre for legume interseeding, \$27/acre for strip spraying, and \$20/acre for prescribed burning. This incentive payment is in addition to any cost-share provided by USDA.

### Habitat Practices Not Related to CRP (Up to a maximum payment per practice)

- Establishment of native grasses - \$175/acre
- Establishment of cool season grasses - \$90/acre
- Fescue eradication - \$30/acre
- Establishment of shrubs - \$400/acre
- Strip discing - \$30/acre
- Legume interseeding - \$20/acre
- Forb Interseeding - \$55/acre
- Chemical application - \$30/acre
- Control burning - \$50/acre
- Raking - \$10/acre
- Woodland edge feathering - \$275/acre
- Fencerow rehabilitation - \$275/acre
- Grain/Legume food plots - \$65/acre
- Drill rental - \$50 flat fee or \$10/acre

## Quail Habitat Priority Areas



## Priority Area Descriptions

### Priority Area #1

Johnson County – Hensley Twp  
Monroe County – Benton North Twp  
Morgan County – Ashland, Baker, Jackson, Jefferson, Ray, & Washington Twps

### Priority Area #2: Sullivan County – Entire County

Greene County – Twps West of the White River (Wright, Smith, Jefferson, Stockton, Grant, Fairplay, Stafford & Washington)

### Priority Area #3

Lawrence County – Bono, Guthrie, Marion, Pleasant Run, & Shawswick Twps  
Orange County – North East, Orleans, Paoli, & Stampers Creek Twps

### Priority Area #4: Ripley County - Entire County

### Priority Area #5

Scott County – Entire County  
Clark County – Monroe, Bethlehem, Washington, Owen & Oregon Twps

### Priority Area #6: Daviess County – Entire County

### Priority Area #7

Spencer County – Carter, Clay, Grass, Hammond, Huff, & Jackson Twps  
Warrick County – Lane, Owen, Pigeon, and Skelton and Boon Twps

### Priority Area #8: Fayette & Union Counties – Entire County

Wayne County – Washington, Abington & Boston Twps

### Priority Area #9: Jay County – Entire County

Randolph County – Green, Franklin, Ward, & Jackson Twps

### Priority Area #10

Parke County – Wabash, Adams, Union, Florida, Raccoon, & Jackson  
Putnam County – Clinton, Monroe, Floyd, Madison, Greencastle, Marion, Washington, Warren, Jefferson, & Cloverdale Twps

### Priority Area #11

Boone County – Washington, Sugar Creek, Jefferson & Jackson Twps